Indiana Army National Guard Supplemental Grant Requirements and Instructions

2015 SPRING

Indiana Army National Guard Supplemental Grant (NGSG) - a grant that guarantees **up to 100%** of certain tuition costs will be funded by the State of Indiana for eligible members of the Indiana Army National Guard (INARNG). The NGSG covers only certain tuition charges, not room and board or textbooks. It is subject to available funds. The FY15 budget bill allocated $3,676,240 to the NGSG budget.

NGSG Highlights:

❖ The grant amounts are based on 30 credit hours of enrollment per academic year, or 15 credit hours per semester. Students must be enrolled full-time (usually defined as enrolled in 12 or more credit hours) or part-time (taking at least 3 credit hours).

❖ Institutions that charge by credit hour: full-time students enrolled in at least 12 but less than 15 credit hours per semester will have their grants reduced if the actual tuition falls below the approved tuition used to estimate the grant.

❖ Institutions that charge a flat fee for enrollment in 12-15 credit hours will receive the maximum grant amount provided they are enrolled full-time.

❖ Part-time students will receive the grant based on the credit hour tuition and eligible fees at the institution they are attending.

❖ The student must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards (minimum GPA & other criteria) as <u>defined by the institution</u> in order to qualify for the NGSG.

Division of Student Financial Aid (SFA) Eligibility Requirements:

❖ SFA requires that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) be received every year by **March 10th and error-free by May 15th**. Visit http://www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete an application.

❖ Student's parents must be residents of Indiana since at least December 31st of the previous year and thereafter. If the student is determined to be an independent student, the student must be a resident of Indiana since at least December 31st of the previous year and thereafter.

❖ SFA requires that the student must be a high school graduate (including home-schooled students) or have a GED.

❖ Student must be seeking their first bachelor's degree at a state college or university.

Indiana Army National Guard (INARNG) Eligibility Requirements:

❖ Must be in active drilling status. This applies to each academic term.

❖ **<u>Must upload a degree plan in GoArmyEd if you have earned 6 or more credit hours. This is a one-time requirement. A new degree plan is required if you CHANGE degree and/or major.</u>**

❖ Student cannot have been AWOL at any time during the 12 months prior to their enrollment at a state college or university for any academic term. This applies to each academic term.

❖ Student must complete all the required INARNG paperwork and must have all the paperwork approved by the INARNG Education Services Office **PRIOR TO THE COURSE START DATE**. Print legibly and answer all of the questions on the application. See page 2 for guidance answering questions. Contact Ms. Madison with any questions.

Guidance After Approval and Certification:

❖ Once the application is submitted to, approved and certified by the Indiana Army National Guard Education Services Office (**you will receive a confirmation email**), establish an "eStudent" account on the Division of Student Financial Aid website at: http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/eStudents/.

❖ Check the award status periodically by logging in and clicking on the Award History tab.

❖ Once the NGSG award is calculated for Term 2 for the 2014-2015 academic year, notify your schools' financial aid office.

❖ **<u>YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE NGSG EVERY FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER</u>**. Follow the same procedures each semester to apply. The NGSG can be used in the fall and spring semesters only. Review the eligibility requirements at: http://www.in.gov/sfa/2339.htm.

Drop-off/Mail/Fax Application: or   **Email Application:**

Indiana Army National Guard
2002 South Holt Road
Indianapolis, IN 46241
ATTN: Education Services Office, Room 2307
Fax: 317.964.7028

Tuition Assistance Program Manager
NG.IN.INARNG.List.J1ARP-EDS@mail.mil

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BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY.

Indiana State
University

IU

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
(all campuses)

IVY TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(all campuses)

PURDUE
UNIVERSITY
(all campuses)

USI.

VINCENNES
UNIVERSITY
INDIANA'S FIRST COLLEGE

WGU WESTERN
GOVERNORS
UNIVERSITY

**NGSG
ELIGIBLE
SCHOOLS**

GUIDANCE FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON THE NGSG APPLICATION

Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial
Legibly print your full last and first name. Legibly print your middle initial only. Do not provide a nickname or partial first or last name.

Social Security Number
Legibly print your full, correct social security number in the requested format: xxx-xx-xxxx.

Date of Birth
Legibly print your full, correct date of birth in the requested format: MM/DD/YYYY.

Rank
Legibly print your correct rank (i.e. PFC, SGT).

Phone
Legibly print the correct phone number that you can be contacted at Monday through Friday from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm in the requested format: xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Unit Name
Legibly print your unit name (i.e. 438TH CHEMICAL CO, HHC 113TH SPT BN).

Email Address #1 and #2
Legibly print the correct email address that you check most often (preferably daily) along with an alternate email address, if you have one. Do not provide a mailing address.

ROTC Cadet, ROTC Contact Name, and ROTC Scholarships
Check the appropriate answer to the first question. If no, proceed to the 2014 annual gross income question. If yes, legibly print the rank and full name for the following question and check the appropriate answer to the last question.

2014 Annual Gross Income
Legibly print an exact dollar amount. Do not include "<, >, +, -" or any other symbol other than "$." Do not provide dollar amount ranges. Do not include spouse or parent income. You must include drill pay. If submitting your application prior to January 1, 2015, you will need to estimate your gross (pre-tax) income expected to earn for the remainder of the 2014 calendar year.

Marital Status
Check the appropriate answer to the question based on your current legal marital status.

Indiana Residency Eligibility Requirement
Check the appropriate answer to the question.

FAFSA Dependency Status
Check the appropriate answer based on your answers to the dependency questions that were answered on your 2014-2015 FAFSA.

Institution Attending
Check your primary school only. If attending Ivy Tech, also legibly print the campus name.

First Bachelors Degree Eligibility Requirement
Check the appropriate answer to the question.

Date and Service Member Signature
Legibly print the correct date and sign the application.

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